

REMARKS

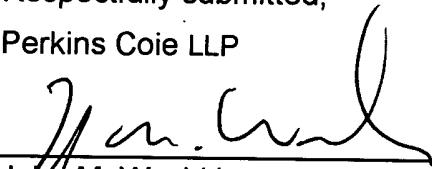
In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner requested an election from among the species shown in Figures 2, 4 and 5.

In response, the applicants elect the species directed to Figure 2 (claims 1-31 and 46-76), without traverse. Non-elected claims 32-45 and 77-84 have been withdrawn from consideration without prejudice to requesting consideration of these claims upon allowance of a generic claim, or pursuing these claims in a divisional or other application.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,
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